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"THE NEW WARRIORS, SUPER HEROES FOR THE DRAKE AND JOSH CROWD, JUMPED NITRO AND HE BLEW UP. HAPPENED NEAR A SCHOOLYARD. VERY MESSY.

"VERY WHITE MEN IN SUITS PASSED SOME LAWS. SPANDEXERS HAD TO REGISTER THEIR IDENTITIES WITH THE GOV.

"MOST HEROES DID; SOME SAID NO WAY, JOSÉ. I SAY, GO BACK TO MEXICO, YOU CHIMICHANGAS!

"THE GOVERNMENT, IN THEIR INFINITE WISDOM, HIRED ME TO BE ONE OF THEIR RENEGADE SUPER HERO HUNTERS. I GOT A BADGE AND EVERYTHING.

"ONLY IN AMERICA COULD I, WADE WILSON, THE MERC WITH A MOUTH KNOWN AS DEADPOOL, BE HIRED TO HUNT DOWN A GUY CALLED CAPTAIN AMERICA.

"SO ANYWAY, I WAS KICKIN' TOTAL NADS, BUT THEN I GOT BETRAYED BY MY FORMER BUDDY, NATHAN DAYS/SPRING ASKANI'SON CALIGULA, ALSO KNOWN AS CABLE.

"CABLE DID HIS BODYSLIDE THING AND TELEPORTED US TO THE WHITE HOUSE, WHICH HAS LOVELY LAVATORIES, BY THE WAY.

"VERY ELEGANT FALCET FIXTURES, AND CUTE LITTLE SOAPS SHAPED LIKE MULLARD FILLMORE'S HEAD. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

"WHILE I WAS DOING MY BIZZNESS, NATE MUST'VE GOTTEN MORE ARROGANT THAN USUAL, 'CAUSE WHEN I GOT BACK, I GOT MY ORDERS: TAKE CABLE DOWN-- DEAD OR ALIVE!"

A HOUSE DIVIDED

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I HAVE WATCHED EVERY SINGLE EPISODE OF "THE WEST WING" AND I DARE YOU TO FIND THE ONE WHERE MARTIN SHEEN GETS SHOT IN THE OVAL OFFICE BY A SLIGHTLY PERANGED, BUT CUTE, MERCENARY IN PURSUIT OF A HALF-MACHINE, SORTA MUTANT, SAVIOR FROM THE FUTURE.

AND NO, THAT ONE EPISODE WHERE THEY WORKED REAL HARD TO PASS A LAW DOESN'T COUNT...

GOTTA TELLYA, EVEN BEING THE ADDLED MORON THAT I AM OR PRETEND TO BE, WITH THE MILITARY MINDSET KICKIN' IN ONCE YOUR PREZ, ORDERS YOU TO DO SOMETHING--

--THROWIN' DOWN WITH NATE JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.





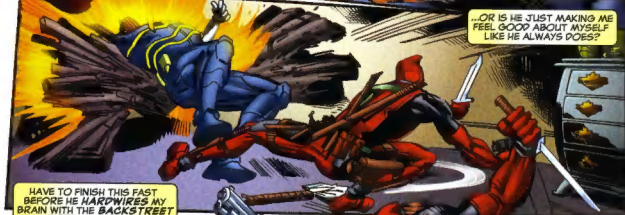
CABLE SIMULATES TELEKINESIS WITH A GRAVIMETRIC FIELD, AND TELEPATHY BY JACKING INTO THE INFONET.

BOTH GO DOWN FOR ABOUT FOUR MINUTES AFTER HE TELEPORTS—WHICH WE DID WITH OUR MUTUAL BODYSLIDE FROM MANHATTAN TO HERE.



CONVINCED GRAVIMETRIC IS A MADE-UP WORD.

NOTE TO SELF: CHECK THAT OUT.



SO, HAS HIS TECH COME BACK ONLINE OR NOT? DOESN'T LOOK IT...

...OR IS HE JUST MAKING ME FEEL GOOD ABOUT MYSELF LIKE HE ALWAYS DOES?

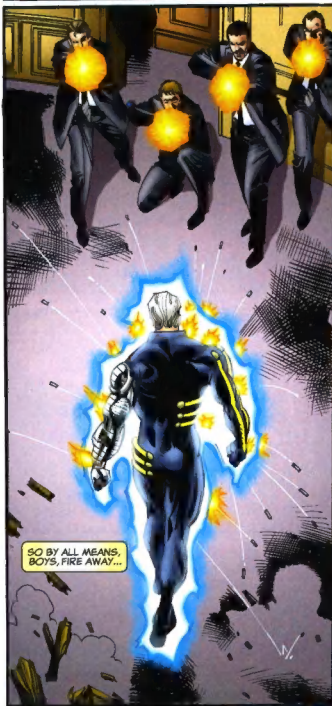


HAVE TO FINISH THIS FAST BEFORE HE HARDWIRES MY BRAIN WITH THE BACKSTREET BOYS CATALOGUE.

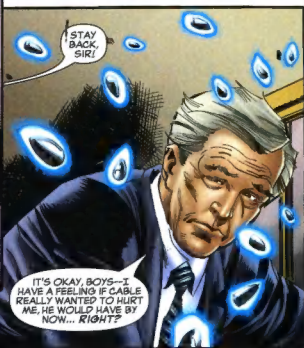
HOW COULD YOU EVEN THINK OF HARDWIRING THE BACKSTREET BOYS INTO MY BRAIN, YOU EVIL, EVIL MAN!



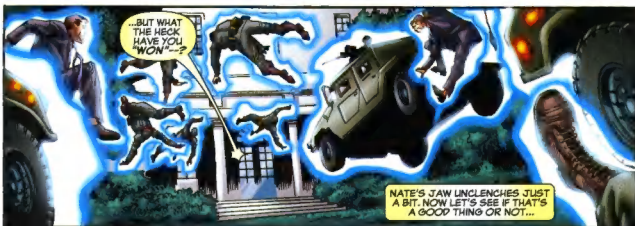
OF COURSE, WASTING AMMO ON
A TARGET THAT CAN'T BE HIT AIN'T
TOO BRIGHT EITHER...UNLESS YOU
JUST HAPPEN TO LIKE THE SOUND
OF GUNFIRE, LIKE ME...



SO BY ALL MEANS,
BOYS, FIRE AWAY...



IT'S OKAY, BOYS—I
HAVE A FEELING IF CABLE
REALLY WANTED TO HURT
ME, HE WOULD HAVE BY
NOW... RIGHT?





MR. PRESIDENT...
I DIDN'T COME HERE
TO WIN ANYTHING...
OR FIGHT.

I JUST WANTED
TO TELL YOU--FROM THE
PERSPECTIVE OF SOMEONE
WHO HAS SEEN COUNTLESS
HISTORIES PASS BY LIKE
THE PAGES OF A BOOK--

--THAT IN THE
SHORT RUN, THIS
MIGHT CREATE SOME
SENSE OF SECURITY
FROM SUPERHUMAN
OR TERRORIST
THREATS...

...BUT
IN THE LONG
RUN...THE PATH
BEING TAKEN WILL
PROVE TO BE A
MISTAKE.



YOU THINK I
DON'T AGONIZE OVER
THAT? EVERYONE IN
THIS ADMINISTRATION
DOES. IN THE SHORT
OR LONG HALL--

--THE PEOPLE NEED
TO BE PROTECTED
FROM ANYTHING THAT
THREATENS THEM AND
THE COUNTRY.

WE DON'T HAVE
THE ADVANTAGE--OR
THE LUXURY--OF BEIN'
FROM THE FUTURE AND
ACTIN' LIKE WE KNOW
WE'RE ALWAYS
RIGHT.



OUR
CONVERSATION
GOT OFF ON THE
WRONG FOOT.

IT DID. I GOT A
BIT PEEVED, SAID
SOME THINGS JUST
TO PUSH YOUR
BUTTONS. YOU HAVE
A WAY OF RAISIN'
HACKLES, YOU
KNOW?

I'VE BEEN
TOLD...



I HAVEN'T CHOSEN
TO DO THIS BECAUSE I
WAS ELECTED, SIR, OR
BECAUSE I THINK I'M
BETTER THAN ANYONE
ELSE...

...I DO
THIS BECAUSE
SOMEONE HAS
TO LEAD.



I WAS HOPING
YOU MIGHT WANT
TO FOLLOW...

⊗ PROVIDENCE
CABLE'S SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND HAVEN.

--THE
OVAL OFFICE
SUSTAINED HEAVY
DAMAGE DURING
THE RAMPAGE--

--CABLE, THE
SELF-PROCLAIMED
WORLD SAVIOR AND
CONTROVERSIAL
PRESIDENT OF
RUMEKISTAN,
THEN--

--TELE-
PORTED OUT OF
THE WHITE HOUSE
TO AN UNKNOWN
DESTINATION--

--SECRET
SERVICE AGENTS
ARE BEING TREATED
FOR MINOR
INJURIES.

--LEADING MANY
TO QUESTION WHY
CABLE, WHOSE ACTIONS
HAD REMAINED PEACEFUL
TOWARDS THE UNITED
STATES--

--CONFIRM THE
PRESIDENT WAS
SAFE AT THE TIME
OF THE ATTACK,
REPLACED BY A
LIFE MODEL
DECoy--

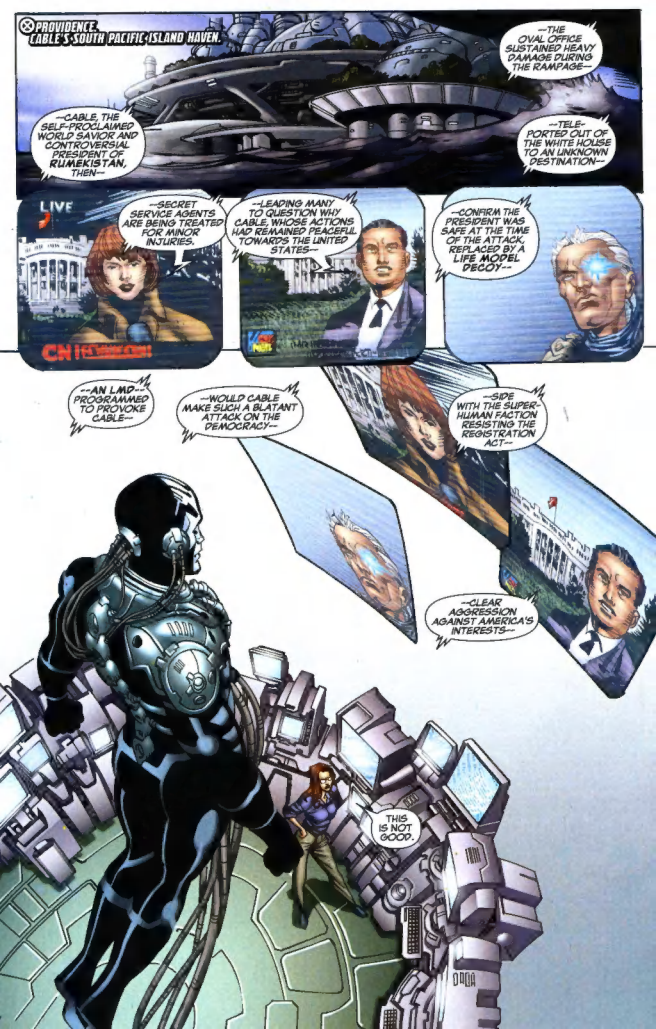
--AN LMD
PROGRAMMED
TO PROVOKE
CABLE--

--WOULD CABLE
MAKE SUCH A BLATANT
ATTACK ON THE
DEMOCRACY--

--SIDE
WITH THE SUPER-
HUMAN FACTION
RESISTING THE
REGISTRATION
ACT--

--CLEAR
AGGRESSION
AGAINST AMERICA'S
INTERESTS--

THIS
IS NOT
GOOD.



WHY DID HE
DO SUCH A STUPID
THING, GAREB?

YOU'RE HIS
CHIEF OF STAFF,
IRENE.

WHEN I WEAR
THIS BLACK BOX
ARMOR, I'M HIS
INFORMATION
FILTER.

WE MIGHT KNOW
HIM BETTER THAN
ALMOST ANYONE
ELSE ON THE
PLANET--

--BUT WE HAVE
ZERO ABILITY TO
PREDICT HOW HE'S
THINKING.

WHATEVER
HAPPENED--WHATEVER
IS HAPPENING IN THE
U.S. WITH THIS SUPER-
HUMAN CIVIL WAR--IT
OBVIOUSLY BOTHERED
HIM ENOUGH--

--TO MAKE
HIM TOSS HIS
FONZIE OUT
THE WINDOW.

FONZIE? AN
OLD TELEVISION
CHARACTER, RIGHT?
COOL. HIS COOL. HE
LOST HIS COOL.
I GET IT.

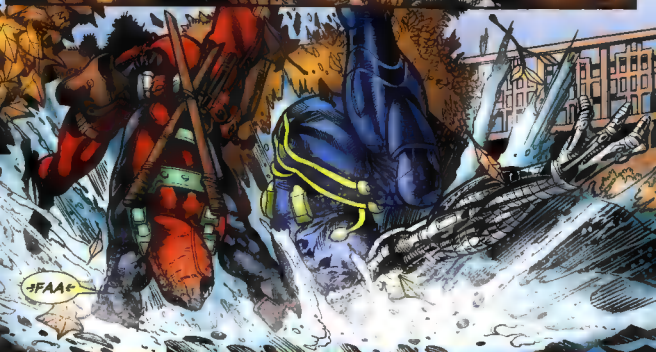
BUT
I DON'T,
GAREB.

BECAUSE
NATE NEVER
LOSES HIS
COOL...

⊗ THE ONE WORLD
CHURCH OF THE UNIFICATION.
OUTSIDE PARIS.



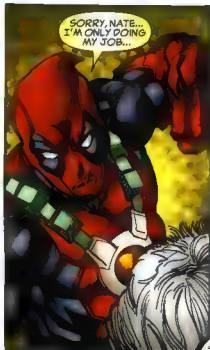
WON'T SCREW
UP THIS TIME--
WON'T HOLD BACK--



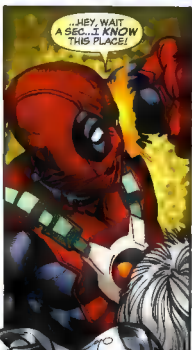
HUEVOS
RANCHEROS!



SORRY, NATE...
I'M ONLY DOING
MY JOB...

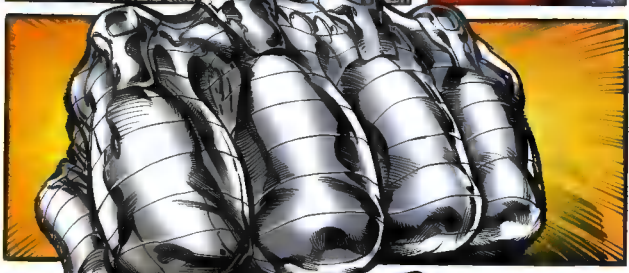


...HEY, WAIT
A SEC... I KNOW
THIS PLACE!



THIS IS THE
CHURCH WHERE
WE FIRST--

--OH--
OH--



SCUD!



SHFF

SHFF

I HATE
THE TASTE
OF MY OWN
BLOOD...



=GYEAAAH!=



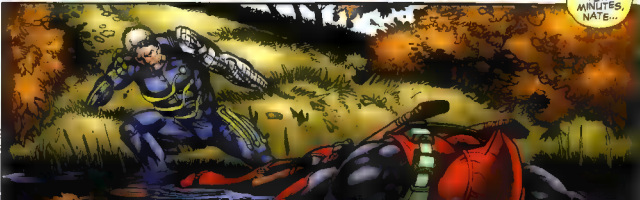
PFFT
PFFT
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PFFT



OH.

NOT
AGAIN...OKAY...
MY LUVULA IS
THROBBING...

...SEE
YOU IN A
FEW
MINUTES,
NATE...



...NO, DON'T
TICKLE ME THERE...
YOU NAUGHTY,
NAUGHTY...

UHM...

THE
USUAL
DREAM,
HUH?

PRETTY
MUCH.

I BROKE
YOUR NOSE,
HUH? THAT'S
FUNNY.

I DUCT TAPED
YOU AGAIN. THAT'S
FUNNY, TOO.

SHOULD WE
JUST WAIT UNTIL
NATURE CALLS
AGAIN?

EVIL, EVIL
MAY.

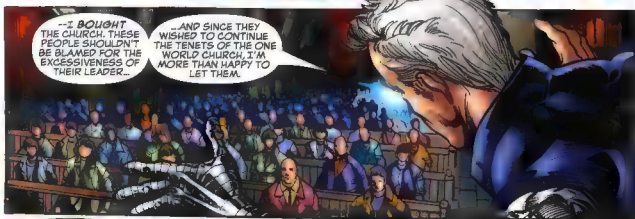
HEY, HOW
COME WE HAVE
AN AUDIENCE?



THEY LIVE HERE.
THEY WERE STILL
SLEEPING WHEN
WE GOT HERE.

MONTHS AGO,
AFTER ■■■ TOOK DOWN
THEIR "HIGH PRIEST,"
ANTON KRUCH, AND FOILED
HIS GOAL OF UNIFYING THE
WORLD BY TURNING
EVERYONE BLUE--

DID YOU
JUST SAY
FOILED?



--I BOUGHT
THE CHURCH. THESE
PEOPLE SHOULDN'T
BE BLAMED FOR THE
EXCESSIVENESS OF
THEIR LEADER...

...AND SINCE THEY
WISHED TO CONTINUE
THE TENETS OF THE ONE
WORLD CHURCH, I'M
MORE THAN HAPPY TO
LET THEM.

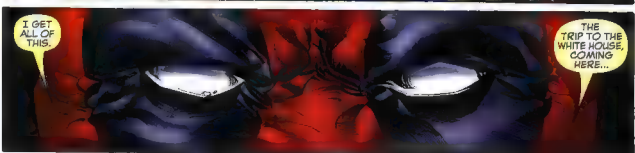


OKAY, YOU'RE
CLEARLY THE MOST
BENEVOLENT, LOVING,
ALTRUISTIC, WORLD-
SAVER EVER.

WHY ARE
YOU--

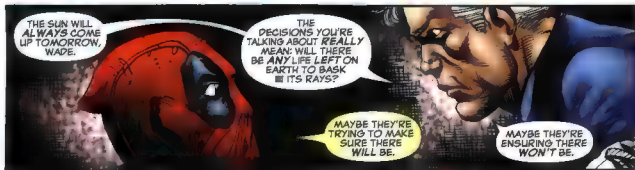
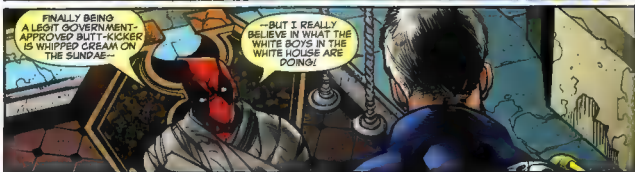
OH.

I GET
IT.



I GET
ALL OF
THIS.

THE
TRIP TO THE
WHITE HOUSE,
COMING
HERE...





I'M AN AMERICAN
AND I GOT A BADGE AND
THAT GIVES ME THE RIGHT
TO KICK THE CRAP OUT OF
ANYONE ANYWHERE ANYTIME
TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT, YOU
GOT THAT?



OH
YEAH,
I GOT
THAT.



EVERYONE
GOT THAT.



WE'VE BEEN
JACKED INTO THE
INFONET SINCE WE
GOT HERE--

NATE,
AT BEST, IT'S
JUST DAMAGE
CONTROL...



I ASSURE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE,
AND THE WORLD, THAT
CABLE'S BLATANT
ATTEMPTS TO MAKE
US LOOK BAD HAVE
FAILED.

THE ACTIONS OF
THE INDEPENDENT
OPERATIVE, DEADPOOL,
DO NOT REFLECT THE
VIEWS OF THIS
ADMINISTRATION.



I'M GOING
TO GET FIRED
FOR THIS AIN'T
IT?

I PUT A LOT
ON THE LINE TO
MAKE CERTAIN
YOU WOULD
BE!



BODYSLIDE
BY TWO.

MANHATTAN, WADE WILSON'S APARTMENT.

YOU BROUGHT US BACK HERE KNOWING THE BODYSLIDE WOULD LEAVE YOU VULNERABLE?

YES.

KLKT

YOU RUINED EVERYTHING!

OR I SAVED YOU FROM MAKING THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF YOUR LIFE.

WHAT MISTAKE?

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS I GOT THE CHANCE TO BE LEGIT--TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMETHING THAT MATTERS--

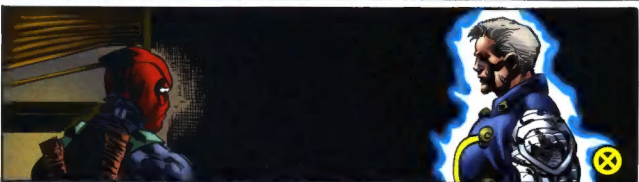
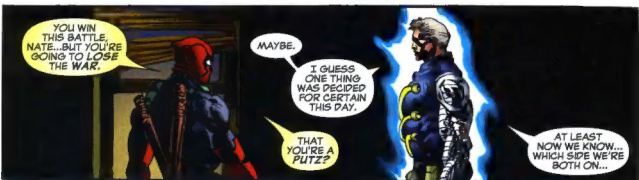
--AND YOU TOOK IT AWAY!

YOU ONLY GET ONE CHANCE, WADE...

...BECAUSE I GUARANTEE THAT THIS TIME...

...I WON'T LET YOU BEAT ME AROUND TO MAKE MY SHOW LOOK MORE CONVINCING...





OROBOROS - DCP



KRYPTONIA - DCP